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SOLE PROPRIETORS of Takasima,
Ochi, Shinjima, Nankai and Rami-
Tama Collieries and also Hito Colliery,
which will shortly be ready to produce on a
large scale the best Bizen Coal.

The Head and Branch Offices and the
Agencies of the Company will receive any
order for Coals produced from the above
Collieries.

T. MATSUKI, Manager, Hongkong,
No. 2, PEDDER STREET.
Hongkong, April 25, 1906.

PERFECT J EYES FLUID

SOLE AGENTS:
W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.,
BANK BUILDINGS.
Hongkong, May 18, 1906.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions
to sell by Public Auction,
for ACCOUNT OF THE CONGRESSION,
on

WEDNESDAY,
the 27th March, 1907, at Noon, at Kwong
Sang Loon's Boilers Yard,
Tse-Ko-Tsui,
One SET OF

TRIPLE EXPANSION MARINE
ENGINE.
Cylinders 23 in. by 37 in. by 60 in. Stroke
3 ft. 3 in., Working Pressure 160 lbs.,
Revs. 66, with Thrust, Tunnel and Propeller
Shafting.

Built by Muir & Houston.
A Steam Launch will leave Diske Pier at
11.30 A.M. to convey intending purchasers.

TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & ROUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 12, 1907.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to sell by Public Auction,
on

WEDNESDAY,
the 27th March, 1907, at Noon, within
his Residence, No. 10, QUEEN'S GARDEN,
Peak Road,
THE WINE OF HIS

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE,
Comprising:
Tapestry-covered Drawing Room
Suite, Blackwood Tea Table, Flower
and Curio Stands, Leather-covered
Sofa and Chairs, 12'x16' Extension
Dining Table and Chairs, Blackwood
Simpson and Dixey Wagons with
GLASS, BOOK CASES, WRITING TABLES,
TEARWOOD OVENMANTLES with GLASS,
TENTHIN CARPETS and Rugs, GLASS,
CROCKERY and E.P. WARE, PICTURES,
DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEADS with
WIRE and Hair Mattresses, TEARWOOD
WARDROBES with GLASS, MARBLE TOP
WARDROBES, DRESSING TABLES, SHAG-
BAI BATHS, LOOKING GLASS and UZENSILS,
&c., &c., &c.

On View from Saturday, 23rd March.
Catalogues will be issued.
TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & ROUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 21, 1907.

THURSDAY,

the 28th March, 1907, commencing at
2.45 P.M., at No. 3, PARK VILLAS,
Kowloon.
(The Residence of Capt. A.A. GIBBS, I.M.S.)
A QUANTITY OF

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE
(Particulars from Catalogue).
On View from Wednesday, the 27th Mar.,
1907.

MR. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, March 25, 1907.

THURSDAY,

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FRIGHT MARKET.

Messrs Lamke and Rogge report under
date of Saturday, March 23, as follows:
The demand for tonnage referred to in
last report on the 8th March has very
much increased during the interval and
continues unabated. There has been a
very large business done during the fort-
night under review, tripwise principally in
tonnage from Saigon to this, also on
monthly charter basis, partly for natives'
account, and at rapidly rising rates.

Saigon to this:—Local fixtures since last
writing aggregate some 1,400,000 piculs.
Rates have risen from 20 cents for small
and 'medium sized' tonnage to about 23
cents per picul, prompt. 'Closing' quotat-
ions for early loading may be taken as 22
to 23 cents for big carriers, 24 cents for
steamers of 'about 3,000 tons' capacity.
Less for forward dates. Business done up
to 30th April cancelling date. The settle-
ments of the fortnight compare a favor for a
series of voyages, being proof of Chinese
charterers' belief in the stability of freight.

The fact that this year's Saigon crop is
one of the long-proved for "bumper" ones
is now clearly established. Other circum-
stances, the failure of Northern Chinese crops
and a large auction in tonnage brought
about by the protracted delays in local
freights, also all clearly point to good
rates for the immediate future anyhow.

Some business is reported Saigon to
Philippines at the very much improved
rate of 35/37 cents for 4 ports.

Saigon to China Coast ports including
Shanghai and Tientsin, there has been
enquiry. A report of a charter Saigon to
Tientsin as high as 55 cents, on usual terms
of lighters by owners, is unconfirmed so far.

Saigon to Singapore there is some
enquiry. To Java and elsewhere
also enquiries have not come under our
notice.

By latest advices business from Saigon to
Europe was practically nil. There is
danger of the recent slump in exchange
making transaction in this direction
feasible, to the detriment of costing
business.

BANKRUPT:—Supplies at Bangkok have
been larger than for some time past, and
a demand has been evident for tonnage to
this port beyond what "liners" supply.
A single steamer of 2,000 tons' capacity
for natives' account at the improved rates of
32/35 cents, and better still would be
paid now for a suitable boat or boats.

There have also been orders left, unfilled
for tonnage from Rangoon to this and
China Coast ports, also from Java to this
and China Coast ports.

Concerning Newchwang, the first charter
has not been reported as yet. Messrs
Bainbridge and Co. advised that it was
expected that the river would open for
navigation on the 15th instant. The first
steamer from here, the China Navigation
Company's s.s. "Nanchang," left the
14th inst. via Chefoo, and the Chinese
time chartered Norwegian s.s. "Daguy" is
now loading.

Coalfreights:—From South Japan to this
business done at \$1.50, to Canton at \$2.25
and \$2.10. For Singapore at \$1.60.
Hongkong:—No fresh charters reported.
Hankow to Canton, \$2.50 is quoted for
a small cargo now ready for shipment.

SAVARESSE'S SANDAL CAPSULES

Effacacious because absolutely pure
English Oil. No bad smell and no
full directions. All chemists.
Insist on SAVARESSE'S

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT has received
instructions from the MORTGAGEE
to sell by Public Auction,
on

TUESDAY,
the 2nd April, 1907, at 3 P.M., at his Sales
Room, in Duddell Street,
Is One Lot
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Intimations.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of The Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,
will be held at the Office of Messrs Jar-
dine, Matheson & Co., King's Buildings,
Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on
FRIDAY, the 8th April, 1907, at 12.30
o'clock in the afternoon, when the subjoined
Resolutions which were passed at the
Extraordinary General Meeting of the
Company held on the 20th day of March,
1907, will be submitted for confirmation as
Special Resolutions.

1. That the following alterations be made
in the Articles of Association, viz:—
(a) That line one and two of Article
No. 55 be eliminated except the
words "shall be" at the end of
line two and that the words "The
Managing Director in the East of
Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Ltd., or in his absence the person for
the time being in charge of the
business of Messrs Jardine, Matheson
& Co., Ltd., in Hongkong" be inserted
instead and that the words "Senior
Representative" in line 6 of
Article No. 55 be eliminated and
the words "Managing Director" be
inserted in the East of Messrs
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in
his absence the person for the time
being in charge of the business of
Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
in Hongkong" be inserted instead.

(b) That the words "person for the time
being in charge of the business of
Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
in Hongkong" be inserted between the
words "Managing Director" and the
words "or Agent" in line 4 of Article
No. 60.

(c) That the words "or Agent" in the first
line of Article No. 71 be eliminated
and the words "Managing Director in
the East of Messrs Jardine, Matheson
& Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person
for the time being in charge of the
business of Messrs Jardine, Matheson
& Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall so long" be
inserted instead.

(d) That the words "or the Corporation
he represents" be inserted between
the words "he" and the word "hold"
in the second line of Article No. 78.

(e) That the words "or the Corporation
he represents" be inserted between
the words "he" and the word "hold"
in the first line of Article No. 82.

2. That the above Resolution making
the above changes in the Company's
Articles shall come into force and
take effect from and including the
1st day of May, 1907.

Dated the 26th day of March, 1907.

By Order,
E. OSBORNE,
Secretary.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of The Canton Insurance Office,
Limited, will be held at the Office of the
Undersigned, King's Buildings, Victoria,
in the Colony of Hongkong, on TUESDAY,
the 2nd day of April, 1907, at 11 o'clock
in the afternoon, when the subjoined
Resolutions will be submitted for
confirmation.

1. That the following alterations be made
in the Articles of Association, viz:—
(a) That the definition "Jardine Matheson
& Co." be eliminated from Article
No. 2.

(b) That Article No. 10 be eliminated.
(c) That Article No. 11 be eliminated
and the following Article substituted
therefor:—
"Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Ltd., shall be and they are hereby
appointed the General Agents of the
Company so long as they shall
hold the necessary shares and shall
be approved by the Board of Directors
of the Company, and the Managing
Director in the East of Messrs Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his
absence the person for the time
being in charge of the business of
Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
in Hongkong, shall be the
Chairman of the Company."

(d) That the words "or the Corporation
he represents" be inserted between
the words "he" and the word "hold"
in S. 1 of Article No. 18.

(e) That at the end of Article No. 95 the
following words be added: "and
when any Share or Shares is or are
held by a Public Company or Cor-
poration the Secretary, Manager,
person for the time being in charge
of the business of or Agent of such Public
Company or Corporation shall be
entitled to vote for such Public Com-
pany or Corporation."

(f) That at the end of Article No. 103
the following words be added: "All
signatures of the General Agents
may be subscribed by such person
or persons as may from time to time
be authorized by the
General Agents."

(g) That the words "or the" be
inserted at the end of line

MANCHURIA.

Chinese and Japanese.

(From Our Correspondent.)

PEKING, March 26.

The Tartar General at Heilungkiang reports that the Japanese refuse to leave the native town and settle in the international settlements.

Ho has asked the Waiwupai for instructions.

SITUATION IN THE NORTH.

Serious Disturbances Possible.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, March 26.

The Viceroy of the Yunkwei provinces has reported to the Central Government that two well-known mob leaders are plotting to create disturbances simultaneously in Tungkiang and Toshiang.

The situation is considered to be serious and troops are being despatched to suppress the movement.

A MISSING JUROR.

Fined by the Puisse Judge.

At the Supreme Court this morning when impaneling the jury for the forgery case the Deputy Registrar (Mr. J. W. L. Jones) called — Pedro Loureiro — Peter Loureiro. There was no response and the juror's card was placed on one side.

When the jury had been sworn in the Puisse Judge (His Honour Mr. A. G. Wise) sent for the bailiff (Mr. F. Howell), whom he directed to call at the National Bank and tell Mr. Loureiro to attend at Court at once. "If he doesn't come," added the Puisse Judge, "Tell him I'll issue a warrant for his arrest."

While the bailiff was absent Mr. Loureiro came into Court, remaining there for a few minutes before being noticed. He was then called up and the Puisse Judge asked — Why did you not come?

Mr. Loureiro — I must apologise. I thought it was for 10.30.

The Puisse Judge — That will not do. One of the gentlemen on the jury has to suffer for you.

Mr. Loureiro — I am sorry.

The Puisse Judge — I fine you \$25.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Mathew Brown, an old resident of Japan, died on March 16, at Yokohama, after an operation for cancer of the stomach. Mr. Brown had been chairman of Koba Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He was 55 years of age.

The retirement is announced of General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, and the promotion to General of Lieut.-General Sir John French in the vacancy. Major-General Sir Bruce Hamilton becomes a lieutenant-general, vice Sir John French, and consequently will shortly vacate command of the Second Division at Aldershot in favour of Major-General Stephenson.

The Daily News says — There was some happy by-play at the Missionary Exhibition in Manchester. Mr. C. T. Studt, the famous cricketer who went as a missionary to China about twenty years ago, complimented Manchester on possessing "so fine an eighty-one ton gun" as Dr. Alexander McLaren. Mr. Edwyn Holt alluded to the veteran preacher as being, in cricket parlance, "81—not out." But Dr. McLaren said that for the rest of the game he must occupy the less strenuous and more dignified position of an umpire.

Yesterday evening the installation of the Worshipful Master of United Mark Lodge took place. Wor. Bro. H. G. Baker, being re-installed W.M. for the ensuing year. He invested his officers as follows — S. Warden, J. Smith; J. Warden, J. A. Jones; M.O., E. C. L. Lewis; S.O., W. Withers; J.O., C. E. Frith; Chap., F. Cooper; Treasurer, R. McDonald; Reg. of Marks, J. H. Osberry; Secretary, G. Leckie; S. Ward, W. Wolfe; J. Deacon, C. W. Dawd; Organist, J. Longstaff; D.C., T. Morgan; I. Guard, J. Hedger; Stewards, C. W. Parkinson and G. Western.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the masons adjourned to the Hongkong Hotel for dinner, after which an enjoyable evening was spent, the following contributing to the programme of music and elocution — Wor. Bro. Wolfe, Bro. Thwaites, Withers, Reed, Quinn and Cooper and Messrs Todd and Brown. Wor. Bro. A. O. D. Gourdin proposed the health of the Wor. Master, which was responded to by the Wor. Master. The health of the visitors having been honoured the national anthem brought the concert to a close.

Exchange. After remaining at 2s. 17.16d. since the 22nd, exchange fell 1/2 pt. to-day, the quotation now being 2s. 15.16d.

FOR RHEUMATIC SUFFERERS. The quick relief from pain afforded by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm makes it a favorite with sufferers from rheumatism, sciatica, lame back, lumbago, and deep seated and muscular pains. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

Chinese authorities are threatened, or actuated from motives of self-respect or self-interest; they can discover means to reach their ends. They should be informed that such methods should be discovered now and at once, if for no other object than the danger that they will lose the respect of all other nations. Possibly, other and stronger reasons should be urged upon them. At any rate they should see that this sort of thing should be put down with a strong hand for it is a barbarity that no civilized nations would for a moment tolerate.

The agitation in the adjoining provinces regarding the scarcity of rice still continues, in fact it seems to be sweeping a larger number of interested people into the circles of unrest as the days go by. Although the Viceroy of Canton was reported to have sent some thirty thousand bags of rice to those who were starving at Tungku, he, at the same time, appears determined to prevent any more outbreaks if it can be avoided. The papers report that the two ringleaders have been hastily brought to judgment, and, at a trial that was more or less formal, were condemned; they have already lost their heads. If the officials can manage to fill hungry mouths with the same promptness as they manage to cut off the heads of those who offend the laws, they will do well. Meanwhile, there appears to be little light in these discussions as to the cause of the dearth of rice. One correspondent has stated that owing to the famine in the Centre of China orders have been issued that rice shall not be exported from the Yangtze, and that, therefore, much of the Wuhsi rice, which generally comes to Canton in considerable quantities, is withheld from the people of Kwangtung. All possible steps are to be taken to prevent a further scarcity in the southern provinces and to this end it is proposed to buy as much as possible from Burmah and Annam, and import it into the province, and, at the same time, prevent any of what is already in store from being sent out, whatever may be the needs of any other part of the empire. This would seem selfish, but it may be wise.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

We understand that His Majesty the King of Siam starts from Bangkok en route for Europe to-morrow.

There will be no issue of the CHINA MAIL on Good Friday. On Saturday the paper will be issued as usual, and on Easter Monday it will be published about noon.

There were 375 Chinese and 174 European visitors to the City Hall Library, and 161 European and 3,440 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ended March 24th.

A special telegram to the N.-C. Daily News says the War Department of the United States has furnished the Army transport steamer "Buford" to convey the "Christian Herald's" famine relief cargo of 5,000 tons to China.

The Japanese Government has been engaged in the investigation of life insurance business in Japan since last year. If it finds it profitable, the Government will purchase all the insurance companies and make the business a Government monopoly.

It is stated, says the Yordzu Choh, that Admiral Yamamoto, who left Tokyo for England some time ago, will remain in London after H.H. Prince Fushimi's mission is over in order to discuss with the British Government a certain question of the highest importance.

Suicide or Accident?

The dead body of a Chinese woman, aged 34 years, was picked up in the rear of No. 217 Aberdeen Street, under circumstances which are taken to point to suicide. The woman lived on the top floor of the house and it is suggested that she jumped from the window to the ground, a distance of 42 feet. It is of course possible that she fell out.

Post Office Notices.

Friday, 29th March, Saturday, 30th March, and Monday, 1st April, being Public Holidays, the Post Office will be open for one hour only, i.e., from 8 a.m. till 9 a.m. In the event of the arrival of the French mail from Europe on Monday next, the Office will be open for the delivery of the Mail for one hour. There will be one delivery and a collection of letters each day, as on Sunday. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

SUDDEN ATTACK OF DYSENTERY CURED.

A prominent lady of Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A., writes to inquire where she can obtain Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. She says: "While stopping at a ranch in South Dakota I was taken ill of what seemed to be cholera. They gave me some of this medicine and it cured me. I brought a bottle home and have just used the last of it to-day. For sale by all chemists and druggists."

Dannerman and his followers will find an expensive matter. The expense argument is two-edged. However, the matter is apparently settled at all events for the life of this Parliament but we doubt whether the last has been heard of the scheme. A responsible British officer announced publicly not long ago that he fully believed that within five years aerial navigation would be an accomplished fact. If this prognostication proves to be correct all the anxiety about a possible invasion through a narrow tunnel will be obsolete. There are no aerial boundaries or frontiers, and immunity from invasion by an enemy who descends from above is not secured by "the little strip of silver sea" which in by-gone times no doubt preserved the opponents of the Channel Tunnel scheme will be hard put to it to find arguments to justify their position. But they have prevailed for the present and the only thing to do is to accept the position and hope that the next time the scheme is brought forward it will be given a sporting chance.

Those who are familiar with local politics in Canton, as far as the word can be applied to local government, are aware that there is much difficulty in raising funds for the carrying out of the various schemes that everybody regards as important. To the disgrace of the local government be it recorded they have taxed houses of ill-fame in order to raise money. Now, throughout the district that the Pun Yue reigns over, it has been decided to give licenses to wizards, witches, necromancers and others of that ilk, not in order to discourage them from carrying on their deceptions, and thus far preventing them from deceiving the public, but simply to gain the additional funds which it is expected may be added to the local coffers. The magistrate has issued a proclamation, and informs each and every one of them, that a license is required, and it will be good for a year. For this license two dollars and twenty cents must be paid. Two men have already offered to farm the monopoly, and have offered the magistrate \$1,320 dollars for the privilege. It is said that the money thus raised is to be devoted to education, but the proviso is carefully added: "except a small sum that may be devoted to current expenses."

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1907.

THE CHANNEL TUNNEL.

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MARRIAGE.

BESSELL-MOVLAN.—Feb. 12, at Baywater, F. L. BESSELL, of the Chinese Customs Service, to EDITH MARY MOVLAN.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Meetings.
11.30 a.m.—Meeting, China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

2.30 p.m.—Meeting of National Bank of China, Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

Auctions.
Noon—Auction of Triple Expansion Marine Engine, at Kwong Sang Loong's Boiler Yard, Tai Kok Tsui.

Noon—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at No. 10, Queen's Garden, Peak Road.

Miscellaneous.
Goods per Silesia undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, March 28:—
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 8, Patell Villa, Kowloon.

3 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Leasehold Property, at Messrs Hughes & Bough's Sales Rooms, 40, Queen's Road, Central.

Goods per Catharine Agar undelivered after 4 p.m. on this date will be landed.

Goods per Jelia not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

Goods per Sumatra undelivered after 4 p.m. on this date will be landed.

FRIDAY, March 29:—
Exchange Banks Close.

Goods per Benvenue undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, March 30:—
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 1, Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon.

Transfer Books of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., close from this date to 15th April inclusive.

MONDAY, April 1:—
Goods per Falmouth undelivered after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

TUESDAY, April 2:—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Properties at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Room, 53, Queen's Road, Central.

WEDNESDAY, April 3:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

Transfer Books of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., close from this date to 12th April, inclusive.

THURSDAY, April 4:—
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Tea Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 6, Cameron Villa, the Peak.

FRIDAY, April 5:—
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

SATURDAY, April 6:—
7.45 p.m.—Annual Dinner of Hongkong Football Club, at Hongkong Hotel.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

Treaty Signed.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, March 25.

A treaty between France and Siam has been signed at Bangkok, which settles all pending difficulties, including the retrocession to France of Battambang, Siemreap and Sisophon. France cedes Krat and Dansai to Siam.

All Frenchmen by the treaty obtain the right to acquire property anywhere in Siam.

RUSSIA AND ENGLAND.

Czar's Ships at Portsmouth.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, March 25.

A Russian squadron has arrived at Portsmouth on a few days' visit.

LORD SALISBURY.

A Statue Wanted.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, March 25.

Public subscriptions are invited to erect a statue of Lord Salisbury at the Foreign Office.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

OBITUARY.

LONDON, March 24.

The death of the Procurator of the Russian Holy Synod is announced.

PRINCE FUJIMORI'S VISIT.

LONDON, March 24.

Prince Fujimori has arrived at Marseilles per "Britannia." King Edward will receive the Prince, on his return from Biarritz.

EUROPEAN STOCK EXCHANGES.

LONDON, March 24.

Consols are quoted at 84½. A general liquidation is proceeding on all the stock markets.

The Continental markets are overladen, and there is a heavy pressure to sell. There is much anxiety for the next account of the Stock Exchange.

BILLIARDS.

Colossal Scores.

LONDON, March 24.

Mr Lovejoy, the ex-Australian Champion, playing Mr Pinder, the local professional at Hull, made a break of 2237, unfinished, consisting mostly of "anchor cannons," this constitutes a world's record.

Tom Reece, playing the Australian Champion at Thurston's Rooms in Leicester Square, made a break of 4503, unfinished, which included 2268 "anchor cannons," but the match, not being played under the Billiard Association Rules, does not count as a record.

(Since Lovejoy transferred from the amateurs to the professionals he has been playing remarkably well. Last month when playing Harverson (a well-known professional) he made the extraordinary number of 283 successive cannons without missing a ball. At the present moment the ex-amateur champion stands out as the fastest scorer before the public. His wonderfully rapid execution when he succeeds in getting the balls in the position that he invariably plays for being marvellous. Several times during the match with Harverson he was in a minutes, while in the 603 he was at the table only 17 minutes. The time is quite exceptional, for 500 of the points were scored without his moving a foot or even lifting his arm from the table. It was simply wonderful to see the ball double back on to both objects and then come back to almost identically the same position as it had rested prior to his making the stroke.

There is no doubt (remarks the Sportsman) that if Lovejoy had continued his break on the Friday night he would have broken Stevenson's record of 503, for then he was in perfect touch, but having reached his points, play had to cease. He is not so case hardened to public play and notice as the other players, and is rather sensitive of criticism. Possibly the public attention, and the large attendance deflected him on Saturday. Still, it was a remarkable performance, and one that shows what is possible in a game of billiards. Lovejoy has known the stroke for years, and knew that when he once obtained the position he would make a big break.

The stroke he made compared with the "anchor" made famous by Frank O. Jones when he opposed Roberts in the famous match against Roberts at Kingtonbridge in 1893, but is altogether different. The American certainly had the object-balls against the left and top cushions, but mine they were close together, over two inches apart, separated them, which Lovejoy was playing. Roberts was certain-

ly caught napping when he made the match with Ives. He sent Tom Taylor to America with power to make a match on terms that would bring the two players equally together. Ives insisted upon 31a pocket and 21a balls, which was in favour of his marvellous cannon play and against the English hazards. However, such was Taylor's confidence in Roberts that he conceded the size of the balls, overlooking the fact, as any stranger might, that Ives might get the balls in the corner and keep them there. For a time Roberts went so well in the play that he led by nearly a thousand, but then Ives got the balls placed in the left top corner, not quite jammed, for their size prevented that, and made his break of 2539, which included 1207 cannons. Had he pleased, the American could have finished the game right off, but when his position was secure, at the request of the "gods" to "amash them up," did so. Roberts had a great respect for Ives' play, and is reported to have once said that the American was the only man he feared with a cue.

Early in March—about the 6th—Reece made a break of 1269 in which he scored 521 consecutive cannons. —Eds. C.M.]

UNREST IN MOROCCO.

French Doctor Killed.

LONDON, March 24.

A French Doctor, Mauchamp, has been shot, and afterwards stoned to death in the streets of Marrakesh.

The French cruiser "Jeanne D'Arc" has been ordered to proceed to Morocco. It is believed that France will demand a heavy compensation.

The murder appears to be due to the firing of a flagstaff by the Doctor for geodetic purposes, which the natives believed to be a part of a wireless installation.

The British Consulate was stoned and Mr Moore was hurt. British subjects are safe, but are confined to their houses. Moorish guards have been provided.

"DOWN WITH THE PEERS."

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, February 18.

Parliament opened on Tuesday, with everybody expecting that the King's speech would include a strong statement of the Government's intentions in regard to the House of Lords and the coming Colonial Conference. The first was indeed dealt with, but in a bold and indefinite manner, while the latter escaped without notice.

Still the programme the Government has set itself is so extensive and runs counter to so many interests that the general comment on the whole plan is "It can't be done in a year." To reform the Lords, the Publicans, the Irish and the Army in twelve short months—less those consumed by the Vacation—will indeed mean a terrific rush on the part of the House of Commons, and to accomplish even a tithe of it in the teeth of opposition and obstruction will surely mean sitting often till the "wee sma' hours" on the twal. Everybody now enquires—What is C. B. going to do to the Lords? Revolution by resolution appears to be the answer. That is to say by resolution the House of Commons will declare that when a measure is passed by a large majority in the lower chamber the Upper House will have its right of veto curtailed to one session, and if in the next session the Commons are still of the same mind the bill must pass. Of course the assent of the King in this drastic change will be essential, and the question is further how far he is in sympathy with the Commons. I hear he is strongly displeased by the speech of the Attorney General (Sir Lawson Walton) who in addressing his Yorkshire constituents late the other evening failed to note the busy paws of the reporters still at work, and added some indiscreet remarks about "a work of grim and serious character" that would involve "something like a revolution." He subsequently informed that the Commons and the Crown would combine against the aristocracy of the House of Lords. Sir Lawson Walton is a successful lawyer who has gained prominence by sheer grit, and he is a genial good fellow to boot, but he has never been a really prominent statesman. Still the remarks, coming from a Law Officer of the Crown, were trumpeted all over the country as heralding a complete scheme for humbling the Peers. As a matter of fact there is no scheme yet. It is in the crude stage. The King disapproved of the speech; so did the Premier. Hence subsequent interviews, explanations and statements from Sir Lawson Walton that he was expressing "merely a personal opinion."

The King may not be averse to some modification of the present parliamentary system. He is believed to have Democratic leanings, and Mr. Timothy Healy, who is just back from America, says the Irish Americans regard England with a more friendly eye than ever before, because they believe the King is a sympathizer with Irish aspirations of local government.

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The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

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KNIVES and spoons are of very great antiquity, but the use of forks is comparatively modern. Indispensable as these adjuncts of the table may now appear, they had not become a part of general use at the beginning of the 18th century.

TRAGEDY AT POKFULUM.

Chinaman Chopped to Death.

As the result of a quarrel with his partner Yum Hwang, a gardener, met his death yesterday. The two men lived together in a match near Pokfulum Road and were engaged in straightening out their accounts. Yum Hwang was accused by his partner of cheating and words followed, during the course of which Yum Hwang's partner seized a chopper and before he could be stayed he had dealt Yum Hwang several severe blows about the head and neck, covering the jugular vein.

Yum Hwang fell to the ground mortally wounded and the assailant turned and attacked two of Yum Hwang's children, one a boy aged 6 and the other a girl aged 3. The wounds inflicted upon them both are serious but are not expected to prove fatal. The assailant escaped from the scene of the tragedy and it was some time before the police were informed. The children were removed to the hospital and are said to be recovering, but so far no trace of the murderer has been found. He has had a good start but hopes are entertained of effecting his capture.

CHARGE OF FORGERY.

A Japanese Sentenced.

A special session of the Criminal Court was held this morning, before His Honour Mr. A. G. Wise (Puisne Judge) in order to allow of the charge of forging and uttering a cheque preferred against Sanku Tonoi, a Japanese employed by Lieut. Lloyd-Thomas, Commander of the torpedo-boat destroyer "Janus," to be disposed of before the "Janus" went north.

The Hon. Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz prosecuted and accused was undefended. He pleaded not guilty on both counts and the following jurors were sworn:—Messrs C. G. S. Mackie, R. H. Spier, A. C. Squair, L. D. Philpot, J. H. Backhouse, L. Marston and W. Wetherpoon.

Evidence to the effect that the accused presented a cheque for \$200 at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which cheque was a forgery, was given and on accused having nothing to say the jury returned a verdict of guilty on both counts.

The Puisne Judge sentenced accused to five years' imprisonment on the charge of forgery and three years' imprisonment on the charge of uttering, both sentences to run concurrently.

MISSION HOSPITALS ROBBED.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, March 25.

A few nights ago the Wesleyan Missionary Society's Hospital in Wuchow was broken into by robbers and the instruments and other property of value carried off. Of the instruments a clean sweep was made. Of course, robbers can sell foreign instruments very easily in these times, for native practitioners are very glad to get them from a pawnshop, whence, probably, they can be bought at a moderate price, and no serious questions asked by anybody.

Almost as soon as this robbery was perpetrated information to hand reports another outrage of the same kind on the same Society's hospital in Fatsien. Burglars entered with revolvers, and though no shots were fired, they intimidated the natives in charge, so that they were afraid to offer any effective resistance.

A day or so previous to the burglary, a blackmailing letter had been received by the doctor in charge, threatening all kinds of terrors, and among them that fire would be set to the hospital buildings unless a sum of \$700 were handed over at a notified place, in two or three days. In the Fatsien instance, a good deal of property was carried off, though, apparently, the robbers were not able to get hold of the medical instruments.

SUZUKI CANAL CONTROL.

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, February 14.

There has been for a long time great dissatisfaction in British shipping circles as to the composition of the London Committee of the Suez Canal Company, and by the time this letter is mailed the British Chamber of Shipping will be giving audible voice to this feeling. I sought out the secretary of the Chamber, Mr. W. B. Cook, yesterday and he explained to me that the Hull shippers would take the lead in the matter. The Committee consists of Sir Thomas Sutherland, Mr. Robert Alexander, Mr. R. S. Donkin, M. P., Lord Rathmore, Mr. F. Green, Sir J. L. Mackay, and Mr. John L. Hughes. The objectors contend that Mr. Donkin and Mr. Alexander are no longer practical shipowners whose vessels use the Canal, and Lord Rathmore never was a shipowner. In place of these gentlemen the Hull shipowners want to have appointed three cargo steamship owners whose vessels use the Canal every week, for Sir T. Sutherland, Mr. F. Green and Sir J. L. Mackay represent the companies owning liners. Moreover in 1893 Mr. Charles do Lessers agreed with the British shipowners that after 20 per cent profit had been paid on the Canal shares anything extra should be devoted to the reduction of the shipping dues till five francs a ton was reached.

The Company, however, a few years ago, set aside this agreement and adopted a sliding scale, according to which for every one per cent beyond 20 per cent paid to the shareholders there was to be a reduction of 50 centimes a ton in shipping dues. Thus a charge which a little over 30 years ago was 10 francs a ton now is seven francs 75 centimes. The cargo shipowners want this improved in their interest and they intend to try to get representation on the London directors of the Canal as a means to that end.

SHANGHAI'S POLICE.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, March 22.

The annual meeting of Ratepayers promised to be breezy but the wind was tempered to police affairs and they have actually succeeded in inducing us with a sense of confidence in what they have been doing; because, after all, they have not been so stupid as we thought with regard to police affairs and they blame the Indian Government for the non-arrival of the additional force of Sikhs. Tired of waiting, they eventually despatched Mr. Fenton himself to carry on recruiting work in India and 60 men are arriving on their way out; and more, they have also engaged Captain Barrett of the Malay States Guides to take command of the Indian police in Shanghai, and this appointment is only awaiting the sanction of the Army Council when the transfer will take place. As the Council explained, they would have done so before but were waiting for the help which never came from India; and, indeed, throughout the meeting their tone was quite apologetic, which was not entirely hidden even in Mr. Keen's peculiarly frank and straightforward utterances. We have been assured that it is the earnest intention of the Council to bring our Police Force up to a very high standard, and measures are already being taken to increase its numbers. Touching the all-important question of the Captain Superintendent of the Police, the Council eloquently discoursed on the difficulty of finding the right man for the position, and the apologetic note was quite apparent again when they explained that they only appointed the present incumbent as Acting Captain Superintendent on six months' probation, knowing him to be a hard working and capable officer. Before the meeting it was generally expected that the Council would propose suggesting the formation of a Committee of Seven to be appointed by the Ratepayers with the object of making a thorough investigation into the conditions surrounding the Police Force. However, with tactful care Mr. Darwent poured out a liberal waters and assured that the Council should appoint the Seven, and the Council acquiesced.

SPORTING.

Yachting.

The cruisers of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club are to sail for a cup presented by His Excellency the Governor on April 21. The race is to be round a rock to the east of Lingling Island and back, and both European and Chinese rigged yachts will compete. In order that both classes may take a prize, the Club is presenting a second cup. If a Chinese rigged boat wins the Governor's Cup the first European boat home within her handicap takes the Club cup, or vice versa. The start is at 9 a.m. and the race is under the usual cruising conditions. The handicaps are as follow:—La Cigale scratch; Flycatcher 12 minutes; Hajidee 25 minutes; Thistle 25 minutes; Snipe 55 minutes; Australian 55 minutes; Tavy 75 minutes; Dorothy 110 minutes; Darwin 130 minutes.

On April 6 a race for a prize presented by Dr Jordan will be sailed—ladies steering. The Club present a second prize, and a third is to be given by the Commodore, the Hon. Mr. May. A launch leaves Blakes Pier at 2 p.m. for members and friends to view the race.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

The new Austrian Lloyd steamer "Vorwarts," which is now in the harbour and on which the agents (Messrs Sandel, Weiler and Company) and the captain will be "at home" on Thursday next from 4 to 6 p.m., is a fine, up-to-date steamer of 3,800 tons. Having been completed at Trieste within a few months she is now on her maiden voyage and from all accounts is a steamer well appointed for the Far Eastern run.

New Austrian Lloyd Steamer.

The new steamer "Vorwarts" of the Austrian Lloyd Steamship Co., is described by a Japan paper as an up-to-date vessel in every respect. There is accommodation on the "Vorwarts" for forty-eight passengers, there being two first-class cabins, eleven two-berths, and twenty single. These latter cabins are provided with doors communicating with one another, an improvement recently introduced on ocean liners greatly appreciated by friends occupying adjacent cabins. The height of the port-holes above water allows of them being opened in any weather, the cabins being built on the upper and promenade decks. The gangways are lofty, well-lighted and ventilated, and should be cool even in the hottest climate. The lavatory and bathroom accommodation is also first-class, the four wash-baths being an additional luxury. There is a very comfortable smoking-room, which also contains writing-tables and the ladies' saloon is a cosy and handsomely-upholstered apartment, furnished with a piano and plenty of easy chairs and lounges. Electric fans are fixed in the saloons and cabins, all the looked-for conveniences in a modern ocean liner are provided, and the "Vorwarts" should be assured of securing her share of the passenger traffic to and from the Far East.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The Internationals Reviewed.

(By E. H. D. SEWELL.)

LONDON, February 15.

Before commenting upon the three international matches of our annual international season, which have been played, I must tell you about the disastrous ending of the South Africans' tour at Cardiff, on the plea of better late than never. The match was played on New Year's day and, of course, the uncharitable said after the event that the Springboks had been seeing the old year out, but nothing of that sort occurred, you may take it direct from me. No, the big defeat, as complete and thorough as that of the South Africans over Wales at Swansea on December 1 had been, was due to three causes: (1) the earnestness and self-confidence of the Cardiff team combined with Gwyn Nicholls, (2) the fearful state of the ground, (3) the accident to W. A. Millar soon after the start.

WELSH CONFIDENCE.

As to the first there is nothing else in the world of sport quite like the confidence of a Welsh team when on business on its own ground. On the way from Swansea to Cardiff after the Welsh rout I heard Cardiff men say without a note of boasting in their voices that Cardiff would beat the Africans on New Year's day. A friend of mine went into the dressing room at Cardiff Arms Park before the match, while the men were getting into harness and he tells me that had he not himself had some experience in sporting matters the confident tone prevailing would have appeared simply appalling. He questioned Bush and one or two others as to Cardiff's tactics and the general scheme was that Cardiff would do this, that and the other thing. "But," suggested my friend, "what will the African backs say to that?" "Oh, the Africans they—well..." and the rest was lost in a look full of the meaning that, simply, the African backs and what they thought were not on the Cardiff map at all! This my friend told me during the period just before the kick-off so that this was no fancy story after the event. Gwyn Nicholls told me after the match that so earnest were the Cardiff team he fully believed they would have won on dry turf. That, having seen their every performance, I do not agree to. There was an almost diabolical certainty about the African backs on a dry turf which to my mind makes them out an unbeaten side, bar rain. It would have been a great game in dry weather but bar accidents the Africans would have won it.

THE GROUND.

As to the second cause, the visitors, never good on bad going, were absolutely at sea on stuff that in some places was literally and truly ankle deep. How Nicholls got up the pace he did nobody knows. I think he ran on his heels, while everyone else tried the more familiar but less firm sole-grip. As he ran he appeared to me to dig his heels in rather noticeably. Whatever he did he could have given anyone on that field a yard or two in a hundred that afternoon.

The loss of W. A. Millar appears at first sight to have been balanced by the retirement of Biggs from the Cardiff three-quarter line. But, to Millar the Africans looked to depriving the Welshmen of the scrum. The scheme was—and it paid all the way to Swansea—for Millar to pretend to pack as one of the last pair of the Africans' 3, 2 shape and at the last instant to dash up on the side where the Welsh had the outside and loose head. This he did with great agility at Swansea. When he retired here at Cardiff at half-time he had been most of the first half and when on after the first five minutes was unable, through injury, to be of any real use—Paul Roos took up himself the task of fighting for the loose head. He is not built for the job and was not a success. By the time he had secured it, when he did secure it, the ball was out among the Cardiff backs. And once there with Nicholls, as only Nicholls at his best can play, and with all his fine handling as only a Welshman can handle a wet ball, the South Africans' number was up with a vengeance. They finished gambo, were not beaten until the whistle blew and will always be remembered as a fine combination of gentlemen who played the game and the game only, right to the last drop. We want all this sort on our side when the next war comes, as come it will if things do not soon change.

ENGLAND v. WALES.

Notoriously brief is the public memory. So brief that quite a number of people went away from Sydneyham in December 8, remembering only England's pressing of South Africa, playing one short during the last twenty minutes, and forgetting completely about the manner in which, even of horrible going, South Africa had, minus three of their Test match players, (Kriger, Stogmann and Mares) hopelessly outplayed England in the first half of the game. A writer in the Sportsman, in a mistaken notion of patriotism, took this view, viz., that England were as good as South Africa and that in fact England was

RATHER UNLUCKY TO LOSE!

A day or two later a correspondent in the same paper complimented it upon having taken the right view of the game and added that English rugby was looking up again, etc., etc. On the strength of this and similar utterances a good many had judges of the game thought England would at last beat Wales in Wales on January 12. When, however, we got to Swansea, England, so far from looking the conqueror of Wales, only once looked at all like scoring a try! Wales did not, as I hear was called out to the

East, play New Zealand formation. That cable is part and parcel of

THE WAY SPORT IS MANAGED

in the press of the United Kingdom. It reminds me of the time when I was in India when Rutter's cable out that Cambridge had won the Varsity cricket match. Forthwith "two drinks" and a few odd rupees were paid out in the various clubs and messes only for the payees to see the other side of the picture next day when an "Oh, No! Beg pardon!" sort of cable arrived, saying that Oxford had won. Excuse the digression, but it's really most absurd that in a sporting Empire such as ours it seems impossible to telegraph simple facts.

Wales played seven forwards—not on New Zealand principles entirely—and eight backs, not at all in New Zealand shape! England played eight forwards on New Zealand principles—said principles being meant wholly and solely for a seven pack!! Mine the last-lyme. But for this decision on the part of the English skipper, Captain Basil A. Hill, R.M.L.I., viz., that his pack was to pack on every man in the one position plan, to which he added the extraordinary marching order that he alone was to "heel" the ball, England would not have been so badly beaten. Of that there is no shadow of doubt. Even though our

BEST FORWARDS ARE NOT SELECTED our pack is a good one, but our half-backs, particularly Jago of Devon, who is apparently to be played until senility alone forbids his selection, are terribly weak, and except Birkett, men are chosen for the three-quarter line, who to begin with, don't know the game of Rugby football.

As for the game itself, the "new" Welsh fifteen—Nicholls, Morgan, Harding, D. Jones, Williams, and Hedges of the old guard being not selected, or, as in the case of Hedges, on the injured list—naturally did not get into its stride at once. In fact, for over twenty minutes there was nothing in it beyond the fact that the English eight were very very slow packers, the fast men being told off as the last line in the pack almost invariably being the first ready to "go down" but having to wait for the slow coaches to whom the front and middle rows had been allotted. Owing to this the Welshmen were always pretty well within striking distance.

THE FIRST TRY.

Jackett, our full back, was injured and retired for repairs, and Wales at once scored after the Pontypool contest, Evans, (one of the new brigade, but not a Gwyn Nicholls in embryo) had made clever play towards the left. Jackett returned but the second Welsh try, following blind side play by Owens and Maddocks, came from Gibbs of Cardiff. In the movement just before my position in the Press seats Kelly tackled Maddocks who in passing on being tackled threw yards forward without J. T. Gillespie, the famous Scottish half of the 1901 team, seeing the event, so that really the try was a wrong one. The English defeat did not, however, hinge on it. Just before half-time Gabe came sailing over towards the right, flung out over the right centre, who was marked to Maddocks, who was not, and the third try resulted.

At half-time the forwards brought Hill in vain to allow them to pack as they came up. And so the good thing for Wales went on, until twenty minutes from the end the order was passed along to the English forwards to pack as they liked.

THEN IT WAS TOO LATE!

Jago at half had at least half-a-dozen fair chances of setting his outside half, A. D. Stoop—who stood much too far back—and the centres going, but the Devon dwarf was hopelessly lost. Directly from one of his wretched attempts at passing, Wales scored a try, their sixth, the game ending—it was scarcely a match—in a two goals, four tries win for Wales. We thought at last we should have the consolation of seeing an English XV selected without Jago at half. This exhibition, said we, must surely have convinced the selectors of his utter incapacity as an international player.

(To be continued.)

"HONGKONG" IN LIVERPOOL.

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, February 14.

The Liverpool police court on Saturday looked not unlike a bit of Hongkong. Liverpool has a considerable Chinatown, and the stipendiary had to decide whether a boarding house in Cleveland Square run by Wing Tai was a gaming house, and whether Leong Chey, a seaman, really shot another Chinaman named Harry Fong. There was a big muster of Orientals to see the trial. Wing Tai was a prosperous-looking Celestial, and when twice the police raided his house he was doing a big business, a number of gambling Chinese being engaged in games of chance without ten pounds spread in front of them. Wing Tai contended that all that happened was that his lodgers were having a friendly game. The second case was taken before the magistrate decided on either of them. In it Harry Fong, a wonderfully Europeanised Chinaman with a crimson waistcoat, said Leong Chey had owed him £10 for eighteen months, and when he present for it in Wing Tai's boarding house Leong Chey fired at him. The latter denied the story from A to Z and the magistrate was content with merely finding him over. Wing Tai escaped scot-free.

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THROUGH CENTRAL ASIA TO CHINA.

Sir George T. Goldie presided at a recent meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, when a paper was read by Major C. D. Bruce on "A Journey through Central Asia to Northern China."

In the course of his paper, which was illustrated by a number of lantern slides, Major Bruce explained that the object of the journey was, not the exploration of any one tract of country in detail, but, in the first place, the acquisition of whatever knowledge, geographical and other, it was possible to collect of the regions through which they passed; and, in the second, the making of a more or less detailed route survey, day by day mile by mile, from Loh to Peking. The portion of the continent of Asia thus traversed divided itself naturally, from the geographical point of view, into three distinct parts. The first comprised the tract between Loh and Ladakh and the Kuen Lun Mountains, including the Chang Chemo and North-Western Tibet. The second, which occupied nearly three months, was entirely made up of Chinese Turkestan; and the third included the latter portion of the journey, through China proper, which lasted three months. The wild and inhospitable region from Loh to the Kuen Lun had, Major Bruce declared, always exercised a fascination peculiar to itself from the time when Dr. Thompson, the associate of Cunningham and Henry Strachey in the Ladakh Boundary Commission of 1847, first surmounted the Karakoram range, and that of the Schlegelweil brothers, one of whom was murdered at Kashgar. Chinese Turkestan was now, after many years of comparative obscurity, once more attracting renewed attention. Fifteen hundred years ago there was a route which followed the southern border of the central desert of Chinese Turkestan, edging its way along the northern base of the Kuen Lun range. This route was then as well known, at any rate to the Chinese who controlled it, as it was to-day. At the commencement of our own century this route began to find its way to China from India, and ancient Chinese records proved that it was chiefly by the passage to and fro along this very route of many devotees, priests, and pilgrims that the transformation took place. As to the third part of the journey, through China proper, Major Bruce said that, although it might seem as if that portion should be by far the best known of all, curious as it might appear this was not the case. The route from Chiu-chiu-kuan, the ancient north-west "gate" of China, where in early times all embassies from the west were forced to await the pleasure of the mighty emperors of Cathay, up to Lanchow, the capital of Kansu Province on the Yellow River, had not been traversed by more than a dozen Englishmen in the last 50 years. From Lanchow to Tai-Yuan-Fu, the route followed across East Kansu, Szechuan, and Szechwan, to Peking, was little known, for, in not a few villages entered, Major Bruce was told that Europeans had never before been seen. Speaking generally of the country flanking the main great north-west road from Peking to Kashgar, though generally settled, was considerably agricultural, being well adapted for pastoral use. Unfortunately the Chinese were not a pastoral people, being essentially agricultural so that it was unlikely that any large immigration would take place. The mineral value of this portion of China was considerable, and in the distant future it would make a name for itself as one of the richest coal and oil districts in the country. At present its future exploitation from the point of view both of trade and mineral wealth depended entirely upon the construction of a railway.

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, where and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 28th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 10th April, or they will not be recognized.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd April, at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, March 25, 1907. 649

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER *POLYNESIE*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex a.s. *Dordogne* and *Malapan*; from HAVRE, ex a.s. *Dordogne*; from BORDEAUX ex a.s. *Cambrai*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded or unless intimation is received from the Consignees to the Underwriter on or before the 10th April, or they will not be recognized.

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Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$10,000,000
Sterling Reserve, \$10,000,000
Silver Reserve.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF.....\$10,000,000
PROFITS.....\$10,000,000

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